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In re Patent Application of G. William Ragland, et al. Group Art Unit: 3726 Application No.: 09/490,259 Examiner: Eric Compton Confirmation No.: 6933 Filed: January 24, 2000 For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURE OF MULTILAYER **METAL PRODUCTS**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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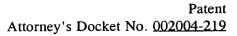
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